

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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In the Matter of )

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Michael Steele; Michael for Maryland  
and Belinda Cook, in her official )

capacity as treasurer; Steele for )  
Maryland, Inc. and Elisabeth S. Rubin, in )

her official capacity as treasurer; Monica )  
Turner; Paul Ellington; Belinda Cook )

Pre-MUR 498

CERTIFICATION

I, Shawn Woodhead Werth, recording secretary of the Federal Election Commission executive session, do hereby certify that on December 14, 2010, the Commission took the following actions in the above-captioned matter:

1. Failed on a vote of 2-3 to:

a. Find reason to believe that Michael Steele violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441a(f) and 434(b).

b. Authorize an investigation.

Commissioners Walther and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the motion.

Commissioners Hunter, McGahn II and Petersen dissented. Commissioner Bauerly did not vote.

2. Decided by a vote of 5-0 to:

a. Open a MUR.

b. Find reason to believe that Monica Turner violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441a(a)(1)(A) and 441g.

c. Find reason to believe that Steele for Maryland, Inc. and Elisabeth S. Rubin, in her official capacity as Treasurer, knowingly and willfully violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f) and 11 C.F.R. § 110.4(c)(2), and violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 434(b), 441a(f), 441i(e)(1)(A) and 11 C.F.R. § 110.3(d).

d. Find reason to believe that Michael for Maryland and Belinda Cook, in her official capacity as Treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441i(e)(1)(A) and 11 C.F.R. § 110.3(d).


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- e. Take no action at this time that Michael Steele violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441a(f), 434(b), 441i(e)(1)(A) and 11 C.F.R. § 110.3(d).
- f. Take no action at this time that Paul Ellington violated 2 U.S.C. § 441i(e)(1)(A) and 11 C.F.R. § 110.3(d).
- g. Take no action at this time that Belinda Cook violated 2 U.S.C. § 441i(e)(1)(A) and 11 C.F.R. § 110.3(d).
- h. Approve the Steele for Maryland Factual and Legal Analysis informally circulated on December 8, 2010, and make appropriate conforming changes to the Factual and Legal Analyses for Monica Turner and Michael for Maryland.
- i. Enter into conciliation with Monica Turner, Steele for Maryland, Inc. and Elisabeth S. Rubin, in her official capacity as Treasurer, and Michael for Maryland and Belinda Cook, in her official capacity as Treasurer prior to a finding of probable cause to believe.
- j. Approve the Conciliation Agreements subject to making the appropriate conforming changes as set forth in the Steele for Maryland Factual and Legal Analysis informally circulated on December 8, 2010.
- k. Approve the appropriate letters.

Commissioners Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision. Commissioner Bauerly did not vote.

Attest:

December 22, 2010  
Date

  
Shawn Woodhead Werth  
Secretary and Clerk of the Commission

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